

# **HOW TO LIVE BETWEEN HIS COMINGS:**

## **It's All About Relationships - John 13-17**

### **“SORROW TURNED TO JOY”**

#### **John 16:16-33**

*Relating to One Another: Servanthood (John 13:1-17); Love (13:31-35)*

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*Relating to the Lord Jesus: Loyalty (John 13:18-30, 36-38); Faith (14:1-11); Prayer (14:12-14); Love (14:15-24);*

*Peace (14:27-31; 16:33); Abiding (15:1-11); Friendship (15:12-17); Joy (16:16-33)*

*Relating to the Holy Spirit: Yieldedness (John 14:16-17, 25-26; 15:26-27; 16:7-15)*

*Relating to the World: Rejection (John 15:18-25; 16:1-6)*

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- “I will see you \_\_\_\_\_” (16:16-19, 22).
- “You shall follow Me \_\_\_\_\_” (13:36).
- “I will come again and \_\_\_\_\_ you to Myself” (14:2-3, 19, 28).

#### **I. THE \_\_\_\_\_ (John 16:16-19)**

**A. The confusion in the \_\_\_\_\_ (John 16:17-19; cp. 13:36; 14:4-5)**

- ❖ Stated by \_\_\_\_\_ (John 13:36; cp. 13:33)
- ❖ Stated by \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:5; cp. 14:2-4)
- ❖ Stated by a \_\_\_\_\_ disciples (John 16:17-18; cp. 16:16)

**B. The confusion among \_\_\_\_\_**

**Three major views of what Jesus was saying:**

- ❖ His \_\_\_\_\_: sorrow in His death, resurrection, and ascension to the Father, but joy in seeing Him again in the person of the \_\_\_\_\_ (not likely: language seems to be of a literal appearance, a personal coming after death)
- ❖ His \_\_\_\_\_: sorrow in His \_\_\_\_\_ during this present age, but joy in that day when He \_\_\_\_\_ (not likely: 2,000 year separation; “that day”—present age—cp. 16:23-26)
- ❖ His \_\_\_\_\_: sorrow in His \_\_\_\_\_, joy in His \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead and \_\_\_\_\_ to them (likely: verse 20 seems to describe the sorrow of the next three days; “little while” speaks of short period; blessings of the age begin with resurrection)

#### **II. THE \_\_\_\_\_ (John 16:20-33)**

**A. Enduring \_\_\_\_\_ (John 16:20-22)**

- ❖ Joy \_\_\_\_\_ (16:20)—when Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ (cp. Mark 16:10; Luke 23:27)
- ❖ Joy \_\_\_\_\_ (16:21-22a)—when Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ (cp. Luke 24:41; John 20:20)
- ❖ Joy \_\_\_\_\_ (16:22b)—cannot be \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Answered \_\_\_\_\_ (John 16:23-24, 26-28)**

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- ❖ A direct \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father (16:26-28): we can approach the Father \_\_\_\_\_.

**C. Clear \_\_\_\_\_ (John 16:25)**

- ❖ How He had spoken to them: in \_\_\_\_\_ statements (16:25a)
- ❖ How He would speak to them: in \_\_\_\_\_ revelation (16:25b; cp. Jn. 16:13)

**D. Undeserved \_\_\_\_\_ (John 16:29-32)**

- ❖ Their confident \_\_\_\_\_ (16:29-30)
- ❖ Their coming \_\_\_\_\_ (16:31-32)
- ❖ His constant \_\_\_\_\_ (cp. 17:6-19)

**E. Incomprehensible \_\_\_\_\_ (John 16:33; cp. John 14:27)**

- ❖ The \_\_\_\_\_ of tribulation: affliction is \_\_\_\_\_!
- ❖ The \_\_\_\_\_ for peace: our peace is in \_\_\_\_\_ and in His \_\_\_\_\_ (cp. Rom.8:37-39; II Cor. 2:14)!

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### I. THE WONDERING DISCIPLES (John 16:16-19)

#### A. *The confusion in the upper room* (John 16:17-19; cp. 13:36; 14:4-5)

- ❖ Stated by *Peter* (John 13:36; cp. 13:33)
- ❖ Stated by *Thomas* (John 14:5; cp. 14:2-4)
- ❖ Stated by a *few* disciples (John 16:17-18; cp. 16:16)

#### B. *The confusion among Bible students*

##### Three major views of what Jesus was saying:

- ❖ His *replacement*: sorrow in His death, resurrection, and ascension to the Father, but joy in seeing Him again in the person of the *Holy Spirit* (not likely: language seems to be of a literal appearance, a personal coming after death)
- ❖ His *return*: sorrow in His *absence* during this present age, but joy in that day when He *returns* (not likely: 2,000 year separation; “that day”—present age—cp. 16:23-26)
- ❖ His *resurrection*: sorrow in His *crucifixion*, joy in His *rising* from the dead and *appearing* to them (likely: verse 20 seems to describe the sorrow of the next three days; “little while” speaks of short period; blessings of the age begin with resurrection)

### II. THE WONDERFUL BLESSINGS (John 16:20-33)

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- ❖ Joy *removed* (16:20)—when Jesus *died* (cp. Mark 16:10; Luke 23:27)
- ❖ Joy *restored* (16:21-22a)—when Jesus *arose* (cp. Luke 24:41; John 20:20)
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#### B. *Answered prayer* (John 16:23-24, 26-28)

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#### C. *Clear revelation* (John 16:25)

- ❖ How He had spoken to them: in *veiled* statements (16:25a)
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#### D. *Undeserved forgiveness* (John 16:29-32)

- ❖ Their confident *faith* (16:29-30)
- ❖ Their coming *fall* (16:31-32)
- ❖ His constant *forgiveness* (cp. 17:6-19)

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- ❖ The *reality* of tribulation: affliction is *inevitable*!
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